

foggy bottom news

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The speaker at the February meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will be the most important person in the world. Bring your community gripes and present them in person. There are likely many others who share your point of view and would like to unite with you to do something about it. Monday, February 23, Pillsbury Hall, 2430 K St., 8 p.m.

FBA TESTIFIES

The Foggy Bottom Association at its January 26 meeting passed a resolution to present testimony against freeways in the District of Columbia at hearings before the City Council. This testimony was presented on February 5 by Leslie Wilder. The Association testified as follows:

"We oppose the construction of any more freeways in the District of Columbia until such time as the complete mass transportation system is in full operation and has been fully evaluated.... Every day brings fresh evidence that the air and noise pollution that follows road construction is responsible for or implicated in a whole range of well-known diseases.... It is hard to imagine, then, how these roads can be justified when expert opinion regards them as unnecessary and health officials regard them as dangerous.... It is hard to justify the further degradation of the environment in our tiny enclave of home owners and apartment dwellers."

Miss Wilder's testimony recommended as an interim mass transportation system the use of existing rails and improved bus service, concluding that "this is an alternative much more amenable to the wishes of the citizens of this city, shown in these hearings to be overwhelmingly against the proposed freeways."

SUMMER REQUIEM ABOVE 3 SISTERS?

Down from Key Bridge to the Virginia parkway,
In the home-going heat-weary;

Cars weaving, then stopping,
And in the heat, starting and stopping.

Then finally parting and one lane left-turning,
Up-sweeping through Spout Run's deep shade -

Where cooled air from wooded up-slopes
Spills over commuters and on to Three Sisters.

Fox von Boom

MAUD GONNE

PART 2

Toni Baer is dead

The pretty, short-haired girl in the bright green coat, who danced in the audience-participation part of the Schuhplattling at the recent Foggy Bottom Oktoberfest, will dance no more. Nor will she write any more articles of last month's "Maud Gonne" type about Adelaide Miller.

Toni Baer was a vivacious, gentle, outgoing girl, who moved to Foggy Bottom only last June from New York, so well-bred that her accent didn't give her away. At the same time that she filled out the application for an apartment at Washington Circle Building she expressed an interest in community involvement, and, with a Master's degree in Literature, and working toward her doctorate, volunteered to write for the FB News. Coincidentally at that time I was assistant manager of the building and welcomed anyone generous enough to volunteer, in contrast to so many people who have to be asked.

One summery day last September Toni had turned her little car around the corner of the block where I was walking, honked the horn and yelled her congratulations to me for my marriage the previous month.

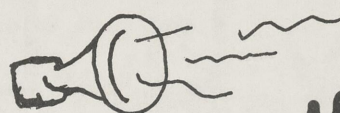
Although Toni wore her skirts as short as anybody in her apartment building, they offended no one, because of her sincere, modest, feminine manner, and she had the kind of legs that made you glad she did.

Late one night last fall, when The News was in the make-up stage before going to the printer, she had been interested enough in the paper to come by on her way home from participation in a Georgetown dramatic group to help Barbara and me with the paste-up. Before I walked her to her apartment door at 1:00 a.m. she had mentioned that, being from New York, she wasn't afraid to be out at night.

In our November issue you read her feature article concerning pollution and GASP and Jack Winder. But Toni Baer didn't live to hear Jack Winder speak at the FBA meeting last month. She was killed in a "polluter" accident a few days before.

Robert Anderson

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the foghorn

(In which the editor attempts to find his way)

Have you noticed how consistently the milk and eggs at a certain non-chain store are significantly lower priced than at the chain store where you expect prices to be lower?

The Foggy Bottom News has it on good authority that the living conditions at D.C. Junior Village resemble those of a prison and that the kids would be better off living with practically anybody who loved them—barring some kind of addict or psychopath—than to be subjected to the conditions prevalent at Junior Village.

NEW NEWS ADDRESS

The editor has temporarily moved out of the area. The News has a new address and phone number.

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FOGGY BOTTOM FARMER

Excess branches cut from Spring's first-to-flower shrubs and trees can be put in a vase of water now and will burst into bloom before a week ends. Forsythia, Flowering Quince, Redbud and Magnolia are four of the best.

The sorry sight of de-limbed American Sycamore trees (the ones with the mottled bark) along 25th St. is evidence of the harsh urban environment upon which trees as well as man depend.

For man—who knows what to do? For streetside trees, bury a tile for each and copious summer watering. Then wash the limbs, branches and leaves as far up as the spray of your garden hose will reach. Do it often.

Finally — in its STYLE section the Washington Post informed the public of the threat to their trees and shrubs by Wax Scale. Over a year ago the FB News was the first to mount a campaign of control. More will be said in this column prior to the time for spraying — when the Scale insects hatch out in early summer.

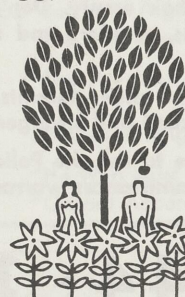
"You cannot stop the birds of sorrow from flying over your head; but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." --Chinese proverb.

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ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, February 23

8pm 2430 K Street

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5. Check your doors and windows when leaving. Ascertain that locks are serviceable and effective.
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9. Cooperate with the other tenants in keeping outer main entrance doors locked and strangers out of the building.
10. And don't hesitate to call the Police when persons act suspiciously, or if circumstances warrant. Call Police immediately

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SUSPICIOUS SIGNS

Spring is not far off. Sunday, February 1, the temperature went as high as 57 degrees and all about Foggy Bottom there were suspicious signs.

At 25th and K Streets, some long haired students were playing ball on the sidewalk. Farther down the street, there were some car mats hanging over a fence drying and at New Hampshire and H Streets, the sawdust remains of recent carpentry was strewn in the yard of a townhouse under a couple of saw horses. The sweet smell of raw wood was in the air. At the G Street corner, an older gentleman was walking, not one, not two, not three, but four dogs.

The most amazing sight was an elementary school-boy riding a tricycle which was built like a racing cycle in reverse with the handlebars coming high up over his head, huge front wheels that looked like car tires, and a seat slanted backward so that he had to lift his feet to pedal. He was flying down the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk accompanied by the slapping noise of the big tires and the effect was of a tiny, motorized sportscar.

ART, ETC.

Are there any artists or photographers in The Bottom who are looking for places to have a one-man show, or are having one and want people to know about it? Tell Foggy Bottom News.

Will there be a residents' art show this year in the atrium of "The 25"?

Will there be a neighborhood flower bulb exchange in Hughes Mews? Does somebody ELSE always have to initiate the action?

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February 22 - Sunday

Concert, Alan Mandel, pianist; National Gallery of Art, East Garden Court, 8 pm. Free.

Concert, Stockholm Philharmonic, Antal Dorati, conductor; DAR Constitution Hall, 4 pm. For ticket information call NA 8-7332.

February 24 (Tues.) - 25 (Wed.)

Modern Dance Concert, Merce Cunningham Dance Concert, Private Arts Foundation; Lisner Auditorium, GWO, 8:30 pm. For ticket information call NA 8-5575.

February 28 (Sat.)

Concert, Pro-Musica Concert, Washington Performing Arts Society; Lisner Aud. GWU, 3 pm. For ticket information call EX 3-4433.

Last Saturday Jazz Concert, The Tony Williams Lifetime Experience and a second group to be announced, presented by the Left Bank Jazz Society in cooperation with the Smithsonian Division of Performing Arts; National Museum of Natural History Aud., 8 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door. This program will be repeated on March 1.

Lisner Auditorium - 21st & H Street, N.W.

March

- 6 (Fri.) 8 pm, Opera "La Bohème" Opera Society of Wash. 296-8660
- 7 (Sat.) 8:30 pm, Julian Bream, Guitarist, Wash. Performing Arts. EX 3-4433.
- 8 (Sun.) 5 pm, Opera "La Bohème" Opera Society of Wash. 296-8660.
- 11 (Wed.) 8 pm, Opera "La Bohème", Opera Society of Wash. - 296-8660.
- 13 (Fri.) 8:30 pm, National Ballet Performance. DU 7-5544 - 2801.
- 14 (Sat.) 11 am, National Ballet Children's Matinee DU 7-5544.
- 14 (Sat.) 8:30 pm, National Ballet Performance. DU 7-5544 - 2801.
- 15 (Sun.) 3 pm, National Ballet (Edward Villala). DU 7-5544.
- 19 (Thurs.) 2 pm, National Symphony (Cheng Sisters). NA 8-7332.
- 20 (Fri.) 8 pm, Medical School Follies of G.W.U.

Circle Theatre

INNER CIRCLE

- Feb. 20-21 "Stranger" plus
"Report on Party & Guests"
- Feb. 22-26 "La Guerre est Finie" plus
"La Chinoise"
- Feb. 27-Mar. 2 "Battle of Algiers" plus
"The War Game"
- Mar. 3 "The Sky Above, The Mud Below"
plus
"Naked Among the Wolves"
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The Foggy Bottom Association is an organization of private citizens like yourself, seeking to be better informed regarding community problems and to provide an informed response toward a solution to those problems. Membership is a nominal \$3. Join us Monday, February 23 upstairs at 2430 K Street NW in Pillsbury Hall of St. Paul's at 8pm.

MARCH DEADLINE

Any news items for the March issue of Foggy Bottom News should be in the hands of the editor before March 1. The address, phone number and central pick-up station are listed elsewhere in this issue.

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Every Sunday afternoon at the Departmental Auditorium on Constitution Avenue just east of 14th Street, the U.S. Air Force Band presents a free concert of varied musical tastes. The concerts begin at an unusual time—3:45 p.m.

During the months of February and March the concerts are devoted to the work of international composers, such as Canadian, Russian, and Eastern Europe in early February. On February 22 the famous composer and conductor, Carmen Dragon, will lead the Air Force Band in the Music of Hollywood. Of special interest, his arrangement of "America, The Beautiful" has been the main encore with the Band for over four years.

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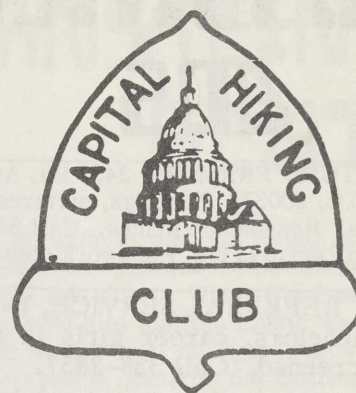
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ACTIVITIES

Sun. Feb. 22

Myrtle Grove Wildlife Refuge, Md.

Leaders: Kay and Larry Briggs (894-3977).

Meet: 10:00 a.m. for transportation by private cars. Please let leaders know if you can drive. Transportation expense is \$2.50.

Description: Come out and join two of our favorite leaders on this new hike in a Southern Maryland Wildlife Refuge, near La Plata. Leave your hatchet at home--no cherry tree chopping on this moderate winter hike.

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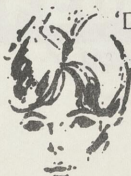
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RULES FOR SAFE HIKING

1. Always follow the leader. And always notify him if you need to leave the trail during the hike.
2. Always be careful with fires--crush that cigarette!
3. Observe First Aid rules at all times--remember, you, alone, are responsible for your own safety.
4. Don't pick wildflowers or other growth--leave them for the enjoyment of others.
5. Don't leave rubbish at the campsite--carry it along to the nearest trash collection can.
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